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Rep. Tom Kessler, Chair

Opponent Testimony, Written Only

HB2727–Providing for the plaintiff to elect to limit recovery in claims brought for violations of the woman's-right-to-know act

Chair Kessler and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony on HB2727.

Mainstream was founded over 30 years ago by faith and community leaders who warned about the intrusion of narrow, extremist religious views into our government and public institutions. In the following decades, Mainstream members have fought to protect our religious freedoms and maintain strong church-state separation because Kansans value their freedom to live as they see fit without the overreach of government or religion into their personal lives.

Mainstream OPPOSES HB2727 as yet another attempt by the supermajority of this legislature to undermine a person's right to safely access the complete range of reproductive health care available to them in the state of Kansas. The Woman's Right to Know Act and the amendments found in HB2727 promote disinformation regarding the safety of abortion, and provide additional legal penalties against abortion providers.

Denying abortion as one option of reproductive health care is not based in scientific or medical fact, but in one specific and narrow set of religious beliefs. This bill and other attempts to stigmatize abortion goes against other religious beliefs that uphold abortion rights as a means to protect the health and safety of the mother.

In 2022, Kansas voters told their legislators how they wanted the government to behave with regards to reproductive healthcare. Kansans voted overwhelmingly to protect reproductive rights from interference by the state.

We ask this body to not further privilege coercive tactics and disinformation that imposes one religious ideology onto pregnant women seeking support and health care, and to honor the will of the majority of Kansans who voted in 2022 to uphold the right to safe and legal abortion.

Thank you,

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